

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of gas filling and sealing of a duct intended to be filled with gas and positioned in a container of a collapsible type, said duct being defined by two opposite side walls which are joined along a connecting portion, and comprising an inlet arranged ~~in one~~ through one of the side walls, the method comprising:

clamping a part of the container, which part comprises said inlet, between an abutment and a gas module which is axially movable towards the abutment, in such a manner that one of the two side walls included in the duct is allowed, in response to a gas flow supplied from the gas module and entering the duct through said inlet, to bulge to form a free passage into the duct for filling the same with gas; and

after completion of the gas filling, sealing the duct.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, in which said part of the container is clamped by axial displacement of a nozzle and a packing means, which is arranged outside the same and associated with the gas module, in relation to said abutment .

3. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, in which the abutment is formed with a recess in its side facing the container to allow said bulge.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, in which the duct is sealed by applying heat and pressure to the part of the duct which abuts against the abutment .

5-21. (Cancelled).

22. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the container is formed of a container blank, said container blank including the duct, characterised in that the duct includes:

- a first segment which after gas filling provides a geometry desired in the container;
- a second segment adjoining the first segment, said second segment having a significantly smaller cross-sectional area than the first segment; and
- a third segment adjoining the second segment and comprising an inlet to the duct.

23. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 22, in which the inlet is a hole formed in one side wall.

24. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 23, in which the third segment is arranged in connection with a duct means of the container blank, through which duct means the container blank is adapted to be filled with its contents.